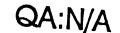From: Michael_Dwyer@Notes.YMP.GOV [mailto:Michael_Dwyer@Notes.YMP.GOV]
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Comment/ Corrections to make to Yucca Mountain train EIS

From: Andrea Felton, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, BLM, Tonopah Field Station

p. 4.2.7-32 line 5 Capitalize Stone Cabin Valley

p. 4.2.7-33 line 27: ". . .affect up to 6 horses and 20 burros."
     Omit lines 28 and 29 because some horses do exist there.

p. 4.2.7-35 line 6 and 7: "…impacts to wild horses and burros."
       Line 7: Wild horses would not likely be impacted from NS-3A/B because
Goldfield does not support many horses.
       Line 11: …could impact up to 58 horses and 18 burros.

p. 4.2.7-43 line 16-17. "There are no known populations of wild horses in this section,
as the habitat does not support them."

p. 4.2.7-48 WH&B section looks good. All other sections look fine.

p. 4.3.7-29 line 13 "Due to recurrent starvation and genetics issues, all horses were
removed from the Silver Peak HMA. Therefore, impacts to wild horses or burros would
be negligible."

p. 4.3.7-31 line 20 Omit "the 2006 and …area." Replace with "A 2006 BLM census
flight located 58 horses and 18 burros in the HMA."

Appendix H.
H-24 lines 16-17. A 2006 BLM census flight located 78 wild burros in the area. Omit
"the 2004 estimate. . ."

H-24 line 27. The appropriate management level is 364 horses; the current population as
of 2007 is approximately 150 horses."

H-24. line 40 "…and the current population as of 2007 is approximately 30 horses."

H-25 line 16 "A 2006 BLM census flight located 58 horses, 18 burros, and 3 mules."

H-25 line 35 "A 2006 BLM census flight located 32 burros, though the population is
estimated to be approximately 70."

H-26 "The 2006 estimated population of Pilot Mountain HMA is approximately 286
horses."

H-26 line 20. "In 2006, all horses were removed from the HMA due to recurrent
drought, starvation and genetics issues." Omit rest of paragraph.

H-26 line 27 "A 2006 BLM census flight located 6 horses and 0 burros, but burro tracks and scat are evident throughout the HMA. Numbers fluctuate dramatically due to burro movement into the Nevada Test Site. There is an estimated population of about 20-30 burros in the Goldfield HMA."

H-26 line 32 "A 2006 BLM census flight located 58 horses and 18 burros."

H-26 line 40 and H-25 line 22: "A partial 2006 census flight located 17 burros in the area around Stonewall Falls."

RA EIS Document Review Comment Sheet

2. Rail Alignment EIS – Chapter/Section: UEM (chapter 4 - Caliente and Mina)				Date: 6-18-07	

3. Reviewer: Bill Wilson				4. Org./Discipline: Ely BLM	

5. NO.	6. PAGE NO.	7. LINE NO.	8. COMMENT	9. SUGGESTED RESOLUTION
1.	4.2.2-8	1-3	This is confusing. Does the DOE intend to place Quarry CA-8B all on private land, or is it just the siding. Why would the siding change in size? I couldn't find the legend for the colors on sheet 496.	
2.	4.2.2-19	1-4	How big is the quarry? Will there be a separate NEPA document for the quarry? I couldn't find any other discussion of it, but it is hard to find all of the nooks and crannies where it might be hiding.	
3.	4.2.2-19	4-6	No impacts to past or present mining, but this will certainly prevent the mining of any new discoveries for the foreseeable future.	
4.	4.2.2-18 throug h 21		Same general theme as above. Even though there is no present mining activity now, does not mean there would not be in the future. The rail line could disrupt access and layout of process facilities as well as covering potential ore bodies.	
5.	4.2.2-18 throug h 21		Same for leasable minerals. There are few active leases in Lincoln County largely because the BLM has not been authorizing leases in Lincoln County for the last 5 or so years. Once the new RMP is in place leasing would resume. A rail corridor through a potential oil or geothermal field may both disrupt lease activities by blocking preferred access routes and denying drilling from some locations.	
6.	4.2.2-18 throug h 21		If there will be an opportunity for nearby mining operations to use the new rail line, then there could be an economic benefit to mining operations in decreased transportation costs.	
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				Do a global search and wherever kilometers (acres) are mentioned add miles for those of us metrically challenged. I noticed that some places have square kilometers (square miles). Be consistent as this is at odds with kilometers (acres). I would suggest square kilometers (square miles)(square acres).
				Do a global to change land and realty to lands and realty.
Land Use and Ownership	4.2.2	5	2	sentence incomplete
Land Use and Ownership	4.2.2	5	44	sentence incomplete
Land Use and Ownership	4.2.2	13	17	I couldn't find where the extra distribution lines for the operations were located. If they have not been identified then identify as many as possible otherwise we will end up doing NEPA for a right-of-way for the power company.
Land Use and Ownership	3.2.2	3	1	The Draft RMP for Ely can be incorporated by reference but at this time we are still working under the old land use plans.

					The right-of-way would actually be issued pursuant to section 501 of FLPMA not 503. As far as I know this will not be a designated corridor just a right-of-way. We have not designated it in our land use planning process. If this EIS is going to designate it then there has to be a land use plan amendment. Take out the rest of thata
Land Use and Ownership	3.2.2		3	18	paragraph as long as ACECs are addressed else where.